

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company  
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24 and D.T.E. 02-25  
Responses to the Department's First Set of Information Requests

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**Request No. DTE 1-15**

Please provide a list of all occurrences, changes in policy, procedure, equipment or practices which might affect services lives, salvage, or removal costs identified by Mr. Aikman as a result of the physical plant inspections and discussions with Company personnel. For each such event, please provide a description of the change or occurrence, the assets affected by the change, and the effect of such changes on the service lives, salvage values, or removal costs associated with the assets.

**Response:**

In electric substations the Company personnel pointed out that they had been unable to procure repair parts for some circuit breakers, which necessitated the replacement of certain breakers, as opposed to repair. They indicated that there will be more of this as manufacturers do not maintain an inventory of spare parts for as long as in the past. The reduced "support" of parts by manufacturers is prevalent in much equipment.

The effect upon the estimated average lives is to minimize the extent of any life increase, should an increase be suggested by historical life analyses.

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